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Reply to Restriction Requirement

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 23, 2005, Applicants respectfully elect Group II with traverse. Group II corresponds to claims 11-18 drawn to a fastener.

The MPEP states that even if Inventions are distinct, they must be examined together if doing so would not cause a burden on the office. Applicants respectfully submit that, although Inventions I and II are patentably distinct, examining them together would not cause an undue burden on the Examiner. Specifically, it is believed that the same art used to examine one Invention would be searched in order to examine the other. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully

request that the requirement for restriction be withdrawn and that all of claims 1-18 be examined together.

In light of the above, Applicants earnestly request favorable consideration. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if that would be helpful to resolving any issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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